

# MD Finds JFK Brain Is AWOL

Doctor Cyril Wecht, the coroner of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, says that a two-year effort on his part, to recover key evidence in the assassination of President John Kennedy, has met with failure.

For the past two years, Doctor Wecht has been attempting to track down the whereabouts of Kennedy's brain. This bizarre hunt for the missing J.F.K. brain, was launched by Doctor Wecht in the summer of 1972.

At that time, Doctor Wecht was the first independent medical researcher admitted to the National Archive files, where photographs and tissue samples taken and collected during President Kennedy's autopsy, on the night of November 22, 1963, were stored.

Doctor Wecht discovered that Kennedy's brain -- which, according to officials records, had been preserved in a formulin solution and forwarded to the archives -- was missing. Also missing, he says, were microscope slides of Kennedy's wounds -- slides which would have shown if the bullet wounds were entry or exit wounds.

Doctor Wecht reports that an examination of the brain and would enable him to deter-

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mine if Kennedy had been shot from one position -- or if the bullets had come from several directions, indicating that more than one gunman fired shots at J.F.K.

For the past 24 months, Wecht has been asking the government archivists, the Justice Department and members of the Kennedy family, to track down the missing evidence. He says now that his efforts have been thwarted.

The Kennedy autopsy has been the center of controversy since the release of the Warren Report 10 years ago. The doctor who headed the autopsy team, Doctor James Humes, admitted under oath that he turned his first draft of the autopsy report two days after the examination was concluded. Doctor Humes has never explained why his draft was so flawed.

In addition, Doctor Humes handed written notes made during the autopsy, are missing from the report.

